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MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION

Subj: Berlin Situation

1. The Special USIB Sub-committee on the Berlin Situation, Special Report dated 8 May 1961, concludes that:

a. There are suggestions in Soviet and Bloc official statements that the USSR is preparing the ground for a formal diplomatic initiative on the Berlin problem, and that the Berlin situation will become increasingly spotlighted in the coming months. The Soviet call for a resumption of negotiations could come at any time. Khrushchev himself, however, used a 24 April conversation with West German Ambassador Kroll to offset any impression that he felt committed to a showdown on Berlin before the Soviet Party Congress in October, thereby extending his previously vague but implicit "deadline" of not waiting for the West German elections in September.

b. There have been no significant developments adversely affecting access to Berlin and East Berlin during the period covered by this report.

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FOR INFORMATION TO: ..

SENAV ..

NAVAL AIDE ..

C. ADMIN AIDE ..

COMINTS AIDE ..

CATIN & SPEC ACT ..

SPEN AGT (FIDS AGT) ..

AGT (OPT MGRY) ..

AGT FOR AIR ..

DOWNGRADING AT 12-YEAR INTERVALS  
NOT AUTOMATICALLY DECLASSIFIED  
DOD DIR. 5200.10

UNCLASSIFIED